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Governor Announces Appointments to Commissions and Boards

Topeka – Kansas Governor Sam Brownback announced today numerous appointments to boards and commissions.

"I appreciate the willingness of these Kansans to give of their time, energy, and talent. With their help, we will make our great state even better," Governor Brownback said.

Kansas State Fair Board

The Kansas State Fair Board is a 13 member board appointed by the Governor that acts as the showcase of Kansas agriculture, commerce and industry. It provides education, entertainment and presents a comprehensive format that satisfies the needs and desires of people from all walks of Kansas life.

- Virginia Crossland-Macha, Iola, has more than 15 years of experience as a community volunteer. She has served on the Kansas Fairground Foundation Board, the Friends of Bowls Fine Art Center Board, the Kansas Arts Foundation, Inc. Board, and others. She is a graduate of Pittsburg State University in Chemistry/Biology, the University of Missouri-Rolla in environmental engineering studies and Wichita State University in mechanical engineering.

Kansas Citizens Utility Ratepayers Board (CURB)

CURB's mission is to protect the interests of residential and small commercial utility ratepayers in the state of Kansas. The board is made up of five members appointed by the Governor. There is one member from each congressional district with the fifth member serving as an at-large appointee. Each member of the board serves a four-year term.

- Robert Harvey, Topeka, graduated from Hutchinson Junior College and Washburn University prior to earning his J.D. at Golden Gate University. He spent most of his early career engaged in the private practice of law or as counsel for state agencies. From 1983 to 1995, Harvey served as the Chairman for the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board and from 1995 to 2002, he served as the Chief Administrative Law Judge for the California Occupational Safety and Health Appeals Board.

Kansas Advisory Committee on Trauma

The Kansas Advisory Committee on Trauma advises the Secretary of Health and Environment on the development and implementation of a statewide trauma system. The ACT is composed of 24 members including representation from physician organizations, the Hospital Association, the State Nurse Association, and EMS organizations. Members of the committee have significant expertise and commitment to EMS and Trauma Care, and represent both urban and rural interests.

- James Longabaugh, D.O., Sabetha, is a family physician at the Sabetha Community Hospital with responsibilities that include inpatient, outpatient, clinic and emergency room care. Longabaugh majored in microbiology and chemical science at Kansas State University prior to attaining his Doctor of Osteopathy from the University of Health Science in Kansas City.
- Debra Pile, DNP, RN, CNS-BC, Haysville, is an assistant professor at Wichita State University. She has more than 35 years of experience in the medical field including serving as a staff nurse, a CNS and a clinical educator. After earning her Art degree from Cowley Community College, Pile attended Wichita State University and received her two-year nursing degree, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, a Masters of Science in Nursing and a Doctor of Nursing Practice.
- Paul Harrison, M.D., FACS, Wichita, has worked at Kansas Surgical Consultants in Wichita for the past 33 years. He also has active staff privileges at all three major hospitals in Wichita. Harrison is a member of the American Trauma Society, the American Medical Association and the Kansas Medical Society, among others. He earned his undergraduate degree in Business Administration from Wichita State University and his M.D. at the University of Kansas.
- Patricia Lucke, Buffalo, is a dedicated RN with more than 20 years of experience in nursing. She has 12 years of experience working in the Emergency Department, serving as staff nurse and Director. Lucke belongs to the Emergency Nurses Association and currently teaches a Trauma Nursing Core course to RNs. She also co-chairs of the Emergency Preparedness Committee for the Neosho Memorial Regional Medical Center – the hospital she has worked at for 13 years.

Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services

The Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services exists, primarily, to ensure that quality out-of-hospital care is available throughout Kansas. This care is based on the optimal utilization of community resources that are consistent with the patient's needs. The Emergency Medical Services Board is composed of 13 members. Nine members are appointed by the governor and the other four are appointed by legislative leadership.

- Rodney Pearson, Assaria, is a paramedic and firefighter with the Salina Fire Department. He has ten years of experience with the Salina Fire Department and a total of 18 years of experience in emergency services. Pearson is a Kansas Certified Paramedic. He earned his EMT and EMT–I Certification from Medevac MidAmerica and his MICT Certification from Coffeyville Community College with a 3.93 GPA.

Kansas Board of Examiners in Optometry

The Kansas Board of Examiners in Optometry administers and enforces the provisions of Kansas Optometry Law so that the highest quality of eye care is provided to the citizens of Kansas. The board consists of five members appointed to three year terms by the governor.

- Jeanne Klopfenstein, Manhattan, is self-employed at Insights, P.A. in Manhattan. She earned her Bachelor of Science from Kansas State University and her Doctor of Optometry from the University of Houston College of Optometry. She is a member of the Kansas Optometric Association, the American Optometric Association and the Eye Care Council / See to learn.
- Lois Churchill, Overland Park, is currently a Nursing Education Specialist for Assessment Technologies Institute, LLC. Her experience includes Assistant Dean for Health Occupations and Human Esthetics at Johnson County Community College, Bureau Chief of Professional Licensure at the Iowa Department of Public Health and Associate Director of Nursing Practice at the Iowa Board of Nursing. Churchill earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of South Alabama and her Masters in Nursing at Wichita State University.

Kansas Firefighters Memorial Advisory Committee

The Kansas Firefighters Memorial Advisory Committee advises the Director and the Secretary of Administration with regard to matters concerning the memorial to Kansas firefighters on the state capitol grounds. The committee is composed of nine members, seven of which are appointed by the Governor, one is appointed by the state fire marshal and one by the executive director of the Kansas State Historical Society.

- Christine Standard, Kismet, has worked as a firefighter and a Lieutenant for the Seward County Fire Department for 23 years. She graduated from Hutchinson Community College with an Associate's degree in Applied Science and Fire Science. Standard served as the First-Vice President of the Kansas State Firefighters Association for ten years.
- Robert McLemore, Colby, is currently the Colby Fire Department's Fire Chief. He began working as a volunteer firefighter at the Colby Fire Department in 1984. McLemore earned his Associate of Arts Degree from Colby Community College and his Associate of Applied Science Degree in Fire Science from Dodge City Community College. He is a Kansas Certified Fire/Arson Investigator, a Hazardous Materials Technician and a Certified Kansas Emergency Medical Technician.

Kansas Children's Cabinet

The 1999 Legislative session created the Kansas Children's Cabinet to oversee the expenditures from the Master Tobacco Settlement. Five voting members are appointed by the Governor and four are appointed by legislative leadership.

- Amanda Adkins, Overland Park, is currently the executive and general manager of Health Services for Cerner Corporation. Following graduation from the University of Kansas with a double major in Human Biology and Anthropology, Atkins joined Senator Brownback's staff in Washington D.C. Atkins' experience in D.C. also includes work with GOPAC and Congressman David Dreier (R-CA). In 2003, Atkins moved back to Kansas to work on then-Senator Brownback's re-election campaign. In addition to her responsibilities at Cerner, she is currently the Chair for the Kansas Republican Party.

Kansas State Board of Cosmetology

The mission of the Kansas Board of Cosmetology is to protect the health and safety of the consuming public by licensing qualified individuals and enforcing standards of practice. The members of the Kansas State Board of Cosmetology are appointed by the governor to regulate the practice of the profession of cosmetology in Kansas.

- Roger Holmes, Jr., Overland Park, has more than 35 years of experience as a business owner in the retail industry. His expertise is in the areas of strategic planning, marketing, business operations and business valuation. Holmes is part of the Celsius Tannery franchise system, which now has 22 locations with more than 250 employees across the Kansas City Metro Area.

Wildlife and Parks Commission

The Department of Wildlife and Parks is administered by the Secretary of Wildlife and Parks and is advised by a seven member Wildlife and Parks Commission. All positions are appointed by the Governor with the Commissioners serving staggered four year terms. Serving as a regulatory body for the Department, the Commission is a non-partisan board, made up of no more than four members of any one political party, advising the Secretary on planning and policy issues regarding administration of the Department.

- Donald Budd, Jr., Kansas City, has owned and operated small businesses in Kansas City since 1980. A lifetime Kansas resident, Budd's experience includes ten years as President of True Sportsman Inc. Sporting Goods Store, twelve years as President of Central Pawn Inc. Loan Office, and six years as President of Diamond Building Inc. Building Company. He is currently the President of Budd Enterprises Inc., an agricultural development group.

Employment First Oversight Commission

The Commission oversees state programs and services which support employment of persons with disabilities that are required to consider, as their first option, competitive and integrated employment for persons with disabilities. The five member commission is appointed by the governor and legislative leaders for three year terms.

- Bernard Mayse, Overland Park, is a business professional with career expertise in sales, management and marketing. He worked in several different capacities at Sprint from 1983-2002 and is currently a Disability Rights Advocate in Prairie Village. Mayse received his BA in English from Benedicting College, his MA in Counseling from the University of Missouri Kansas City, and his MBA in Marketing from Keller Graduate School in Kansas City.

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